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SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. I, much like Senator Schrock, I'm not a huge supporter of this measure but if it would make the game a little better for the players, I'm all for it. Just there were some comments made on the floor of the Legislature about this not being the role of government. The last I heard this is a democracy. And from what I understand, the people of the state of Nebraska dictated that this will be our role whether we like it or not. from what I understand based on a constitutional amendment to have this lottery game in place. Now whether we like it or not, it's now our role and the people of the state of Nebraska, the voters, dictated to us that this is going to be our role, so like it or not, it is our role. And it's my position and is that this measure that Senator Janssen is bringing before us strengthens the game, makes it a little bit better for the players and then that's the basis of my support for it. But whether or not we like this role is really not for us to determine once it's given to the vote of the people of the state of Nebraska. So that's the only comments I wanted to make. Thank you, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Synowiecki. Senator Landis, on the reconsideration motion.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, here's a way I'd suggest that we proceed. Senator Chambers has a reconsideration motion. In the event that there isn't much discussion on it, he'll have a couple of chances to speak and that reconsideration will come to an end. I have filed a priority motion. It's an IPP. Given where we are in the context of things, a bill that has as many votes to bracket it as has to advance it has a very limited future in the pressure cooker that we've got. So, my suggestion is that we...if there isn't much debate and we get to the reconsideration vote, my IPP comes up, then I think we have to make a decision as to how we want to spend and where we want to spend a valuable resource. And if this bill had 44 votes, then you'd want to spend it here. But a bill that is 20-20 on a bracket motion probably isn't a place where you want to spend our time. I'd like us to get to the IPP motion and take up that decision at that time.